

Santa Fe Community College offers new welding program

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Due to increased national and local demand (including LANL and Caterpillar Santa Fe), Santa Fe Community College (SFCC) will begin offering an Associate in Applied Science degree in welding for the Spring 2013 semester through its Applied Technologies Department. A certificate in welding is also available. The U.S. Department of Labor expects the need for welders, cutters, solderers, and brass workers to increase by 15% by 2020.

“We believe that Santa Fe Community College needs to launch these high-skill and high-wage training programs because it is the College’s responsibility to become the economic engine for Santa Fe. This collaboration with our partners will advance our economy and provide new employment for years to come,” said SFCC President Ana M. Guzmán.

The new programs are financially supported by the Los Alamos National Security, LLC, which anticipates an increased need for welders for construction programs scheduled during the next 15 years. Caterpillar Santa Fe provided the College with funds to create a welding lab on campus.

For more information on the degree and certificate programs, go to <http://www.sfcc.edu/programs/welding>.

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